

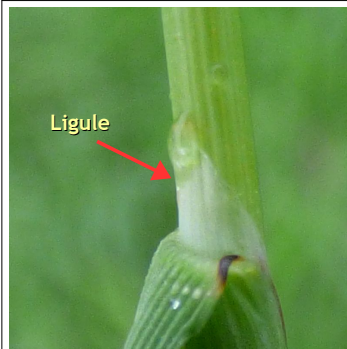
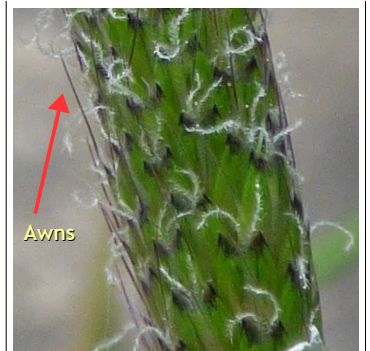
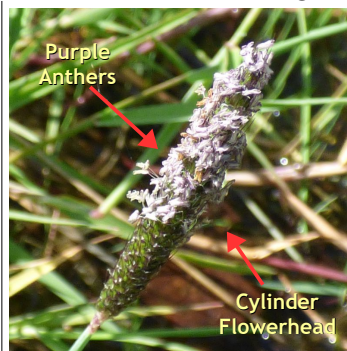
Horizontal Grasses (Edinburgh/Lothians)

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- These grasses tend to have a feel of spreading horizontally on the ground, and may turn up at their ends.
- **Covered** : Marsh Foxtail • Creeping Bent • Water Bent • Annual Meadowgrass • Early Hair Grass
- **Grey page refs** are: COL Collins Pocket Guide to Grasses etc, HUB Hubbard, BSBI handbook.

Marsh Foxtail - Widespread in damp open areas (fields, marshes, trenches) - [Map](#) - *Alopecurus geniculatus* - COL:100, HUB:330, BSBI:390

- A very distinctive grass, the purple anthers giving the flower spikes a purplish look. When growing in marshy conditions (final pic) you'll not see the leaves, but will recognise the heads.



Creeping Bent - Widespread, particularly in damp areas or bare ground/stone - *Agrostis stolonifera*

- [Map](#) - COL:92-6, HUB:302, BSBI:338

- Forms vary hugely with habitat and may hardly creep at all (covered elsewhere). Often grows with the form easily discerned, but among other grasses you may see just the flowering heads.
- If awned then consider **Brown Bent** *Agrostis vineale* or **Velvet Bent** *Agrostis canina*, which run in a different way to this and are treated in a separate section.



Water Bent - Intermittently in the City (particularly on & near Dean Bridge, and Craiglockhart Avenue) *Polypogon viridis* - [Map](#) - COL:94-4, HUB:305, BSBI:114



Annual Meadow-Grass - Widespread particularly disturbed ground - *Poa annua* - [Map](#) - COL:54-3, HUB:166, BSBI:198

- This flowers all year round, looking for it in winter will help identification. See: 'Whorled'.



Early Hair-Grass - Occasional areas in low vegetation - *Aira praecox* - [Map](#) - COL:88, HUB:258, BSBI:81



Info

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